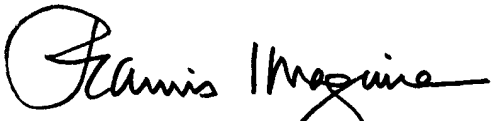
REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of September 22, 2006 in which claims 1, 7, 15 and 18-20 were rejected and claims 2-6, 8-14, 16 and 17 objected to.

By the above amendment, the objected to claims have been incorporated into their respective independent claims and it is believed that all of the claims are now allowable.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of September 22, 2006, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1, 3-7, and 9-15 to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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